

License period will extend to two years

By June 30, 2011, the license period for all boiler licenses, plumbing licenses and residential contractor licenses will be extended from one year to two years.

from DLI by spreading the agency's license renewal workload during two years. Implementation of the two-year licenses will occur from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011.

The 2009 Minnesota Legislature doubled the length of these licenses to reduce the frequency that each licensee must renew their license.

License holders will pay the license fees for the two-year period when obtaining or renewing a license.

Another objective was improved customer service

The schedule of when to change each license from one-year to two-year licenses will be posted on DLI's Web site by Oct. 1, 2009.

Some of the most common licenses issued by DLI will be affected by this change:

- **Boiler Engineer Licenses:** All boiler licenses expire on the anniversary month the license holder originally passed the license examination. The anniversary month will not change. However, the expiration year will be extended to two years starting with licenses that expire later this year. Once the two-year-license period is implemented, the license renewal fee and special engineer license exam fee will increase from \$25 to \$45; the fee to upgrade licenses to Second Class, First Class, and Chief Class engineers will increase from \$55 to \$75.
- **Plumber Licenses:** All plumber licenses expire on Dec. 31, which will not change. The expiration year, however, will get extended two years once this two-year license change is put into effect. The specific licenses expiring Dec. 31, 2009, that are affected by this change will be known by Oct. 1, 2009, and will be identified on DLI's Web site. Once the two year license period is implemented, the license fee for renewals will be \$264 for master plumbers and restricted master plumbers and \$121 for journeyman plumbers and restricted journeyman plumbers. Plumbing contractor code compliance bonds, filed with the department, will also cover the same two year period of the master plumber's license, rather than the current one-year period. The result is a filing fee of \$80 versus the current \$40 annual filing fee.
- **Water Conditioning Licenses:** All water conditioning licenses expire on Dec. 31, which will not change. The expiration year, however, will get extended two years once this two-year license change is put into effect. The specific licenses expiring Dec. 31, 2009, that are affected by this change will be known by Oct. 1, 2009, and will be identified on DLI's Web site. Once the two-year-license period is implemented, the license fee for renewals will be \$154 for water conditioning contractors and \$77 for water conditioning installers. Water conditioning contractor code compliance bonds filed with the department will, as a result of this change, cover the two-year period of the water conditioning contractor's license, rather than the current one-year bond. The result is a filing fee of \$80 for the two-year period.
- **Residential Contractor Licenses:** All residential building contractor, residential remodeler and residential roofer licenses expire on March 31, which will not change. The expiration year, however, will get extended two years once the two-year license is put into effect. Approximately half of the residential contractor licenses (e.g., builder, remodeler, roofer) will be renewed in 2010 and issued licenses that expire March 31, 2012. The remaining licensees will be renewed and issued licenses that expire on March 31, 2011. The methodology for splitting the 15,000 licenses in half has not yet been determined. Updates will be posted on DLI's Web site. Once implemented, the fees to renew a residential building contractor and residential remodeler license will be \$540 for businesses with annual gross receipts below \$1 million, \$640 for businesses with annual gross receipts between \$1 million and \$5 million, and \$740 for business with annual gross receipts more than \$5 million. Licensed residential roofers will pay a \$220 fee for the two-year period regardless of annual gross receipts. Additionally, the continuing education hours required for renewal of a license in 2012 will increase from seven hours to 14 hours.